

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 14-03-2009 - Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 259

Dated:31-03-2010.

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O R D E R:

1. Whereas Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District during the period from 07-02-2007 to 14-03-2009 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar is a resident of H.No.1-1-298/J, Flat No.211, Ashoknagar, Hyderabad and native of Korutla Village and Mandal, Karimnagar District. On 06-10-2008, Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar purchased agricultural land of 3 Acres 26 Guntas in Survey No.53 situated at Machapur Village of Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District from Smt.Annamaneni Manga Bai and Sri Ayilneni Venkateshwar Rao, resident of Korutla Village and Mandal of Karimnagar District for a sale consideration of Rs.2,85,000/- and got registered the same in his name on the same day vide Document No.2103/2008 in the Sub-Registrar Office, Korutla. After that, Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar had submitted an application to the concerned Village Revenue Officer Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao along with the Photostat copy of the registered documents and requested him to process for issuing of Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed Book. For which Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer demanded an amount of Rs.6,000/- as bribe and also insisted him to obtain a LIC Policy with premium of Rs.50,000/-. Later Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar met Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer in the month of December and enquired about the process in issuing of Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed Book, on that Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer asked him to meet him later as there was a shortage of Proceeding Forms and PassBooks. Since then, Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar contacted Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer over phone several

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times and enquired about the processes of his Title Deed and Pattadar Pass Book, on that Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer reiterated his demand of bribe amount of Rs.6,000/- and told him that the work would not be done until he pays the demanded bribe amount;

3. On 11-03-2009 evening, Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar went to the residence of Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer situated in Korutla Village and requested him for his Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed Book. On that Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer enquired whether the demanded amount was brought or not. On the persistent requests of Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar, Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer reduced the bribe amount to Rs.4,000/- and gave the Pattadar Pass Book to him and told him that he will get the signature of the Revenue Divisional Officer in Title Deed Book only on payment of demanded bribe amount of Rs.4,000/-. As there was no option left, Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount within one or two days;

4. As Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount to Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, he approached the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar on 12-03-2008 at 02:00 P.M. and lodged a Telugu written complaint against the Accused Officer with a request to take necessary legal action;

5. The Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar made confidential enquiries with regard to the genuineness of the complaint and reputation of Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, Warangal, in-charge Karimnagar Range after due verification regarding the reputation of Village Revenue Officer, Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, and the antecedents of Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar, obtained necessary permission from competent authority and registered a case in Cr.No.08/ACB-KNR/2009, under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) on 14-03-2009 at 07:00 A.M. and took up investigation;

6. And whereas, Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.4,000/- as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration from the said Sri Bairneni Vijay Kumar at his residence, which is situated at H.No.5-2-149, LIC Colony, Korutla Village and Mandal, Karimnagar District on 14-03-2009 at about 12:30 hours and he was trapped by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, in-charge Karimnagar Range. The tainted currency notes of Rs.4,000/- were recovered at the instance of Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer from the top of the table in the front room of his residence, which is being used as office purpose. Both hand fingers of Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue

Officer, yielded positive result, when subjected to Sodium Carbonate Solution test. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar seized the tainted amount of Rs.4,000/- with the attestation of mediators. The connected record/documents have been seized at the instance of Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer with the attestation of mediators;

7. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

8. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, Mediator's Reports-I and II, final report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, and the gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents, placed before them, in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District should be prosecuted in a competent Court of law, for the aforesaid offences;

9. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Velpuri Mohan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Machapur Village, Medipally Mandal, Karimnagar District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read-with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts, and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER